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(54) **AQUEOUS INK FOR INK-JET RECORDING AND
RECORDING METHOD USING THIS INK**

(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide an aqueous ink which offers a high discharge reliability, forms a clean image on the recording material and ensures a high image quality in high speed imaging when used in an ink-jet recording with multiple color inks, and a recording method.

SOLUTION: An aqueous ink for ink-jet recording contains a colorant which is soluble to or dispersible in water and which has at least one acidic group in the chemical

structure, water and a wetting agent as essential components, and uses at least two different color inks. Here, the absorption spectrum $f_{\text{mix}}(\lambda)$, obtained when equal weight amounts of two arbitrary color inks are mixed, satisfies the following condition:
 $f_{\text{mix}}(\lambda) = \{f_1(\lambda) + f_2(\lambda)\} \cdot a/2$ (wherein λ is a wavelength of 380-780 nm; $f_{\text{mix}}(\lambda)$ is the absorption spectrum obtained when equal weight amounts of two color inks are mixed; $f_1(\lambda)$ is the absorption spectrum of the ink 1 alone; $f_2(\lambda)$ is the absorption spectrum of the ink 2 alone; a is a real number of 0.9-1.1).

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